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1. The present Rector of Mainz University, Prof. Josef Schmidt, used to be a lecturer in one of the universities in the Baltic states (probably Dorpat). Schmidt was appointed Referent under Ribbentrop in the German Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1943. The following year he was sent to the German Embassy in Bern, Switzerland, where he gained notoriety as an ardent Nazi. At that time, he denounced several embassy employees who refused to use the Hitler salute. Later in 1944 Schmidt took up relations with the French Deuxième Bureau, a contact which was probably made by his French brother-in-law, a man named Eichholz or Eichbaum. Eichholz (or Eichbaum) is now the personal secretary of French General Schmittlein, who heads the Educational Department in Baden-Baden, and who is a strong protector of Schmidt.

2. [redacted] the information concerning Schmidt from the Lord Mayor of Mainz, Dr. Kraus, who has been a personal friend of source since the period prior to 1933. After Mainz University had been established by the French selected Josef Schmidt to be its Rector, the Mainz City Administration protested the selection of Schmidt by reason of his compromised past. The City Administration was notified, thereupon, by the French that there would be no Mainz University unless Josef Schmidt was given a professorship and installed as its Rector.

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